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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Non-Responsive Election

1. Applicant is required to elect one of the inventions claimed. Applicant has not expressly identified his elected invention group. Applicant has change the status identifiers of some claims to withdrawn, but has left ambiguous whether he is electing the group I or II claims with his amending of the status identifiers of group III to withdrawn while leaving the group I and a portion of the group II claims alone. As applicant has neither expressly identified which group he is electing to prosecute nor has clearly identified whether he is electing the group I or II claims, applicant's response on 5/30/06 is nonresponsive to the restriction requirement. Applicant is required to elect one of the inventions claimed such that it is unambiguous which group he is electing.

If applicant is suggesting another claim grouping, he should first make an election premised upon the Office restriction requirement, then separately articulate his proposed claim groupings. If applicant erred in the amending of the claim identifiers, it is suggested an express election would remove such ambiguity.

Election/Restriction

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 25 drawn to a system comprising a wipe dispenser container and wipes featuring a means for separating tissues by dragging an attached threader away from the outlet, classified in class 221, subclass 45.

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- II. Claims 8-13 and 26 drawn to a threader for a dispenser for grabbing a wiper and pulling it through an outlet, classified in class 221, subclass 39.
- III. Claims 14-24 and 27 drawn to a wipe dispenser container featuring an opening attached wiper drawing means for drawing wipers through a dispensing outlet class 221, subclass 37.

3. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such picking up trash and paper from the floor. See MPEP § 806. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as cleaning counters. In the instant case, invention III has separate utility such as storing tablets. See MPEP § 806

4. No claims appear to be linking claims.

Conclusion

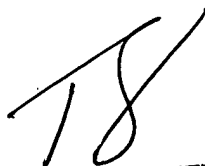
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exmr. Michael E. Butler whose telephone number is (571) 272-6937.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Mackey, can be reached on (571) 272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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